इस्पात के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

1043. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार इस्पात के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि संयुक्त संयंत्र समिति का भी यही विचार है कि मूल्य बढ़ाए जाने चाहिए;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस्पात के उत्पादन में प्रयुक्त होने वाले कच्चे माल के मूल्यों में अभी हाल में ही वृद्धि की गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो किन कारणों से इस्पात के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने को आवश्यक समझा जा रहा है;

(ङ) क्या सरकार इस्पात के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने की अपेक्षा सरकारी करों में कुछ रियायत देने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ङ) का उत्तर "ना" हो तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

इस्पसत और खान मंत्री साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी) : (क) से (घ) मुख्य उत्पादकों द्वारा उत्पादित कुछ इस्पात मदों के मूल्य संयुक्त संयंत्र समिति द्वारा समय-समय पर संशोधित किए जाते हैं ताकि कोयला, बिजली, रेल-भाड़े आदि जैसे आदानों की कीमत में हुई वृद्धि तथा उत्पाद शुल्क जैसी लेवी को निष्प्रभावित किया जा सके। संयुक्त संयंत्र समिति द्वारा लोहे और इस्पात की पिछली सामान्य मूल्य वृद्धि जनवरी 1989 में की गई थी। तब से लेकर अब तक इस्पात बनाने के लिए आदानों के मूल्यों में विभिन्न स्तरों पर वृद्धि हुई है, जो संयुक्त संयंत्र समिति के मतानुसार आवश्यक थी।

(ङ) और (च) इस मामले के बारे में निर्णय लेने से पूर्व सरकार को सभी सुसंगत तथ्यों पर विचार करने की आवश्यकता होगी।

गंगा नदी को ब्रह्मपुत्र नदी से जोड़ना

1044. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ब्रह्मपुत्र नदी को एक नहर द्वारा गंगा नदी से जोड़ने के संबंध में अपना प्रतिवेदन देने के लिए गठित किए गए अध्ययन दल ने सरकार को अपना प्रतिवेदन दे दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मतुभाई कोटाड़िया) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Financial Assistance promised by Japanese Prime Minister

1045. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Japanese Prime Minister has promised financial assistance to India during his talks with the Indian Prime Minister in Delhi recently;

(b) if so what is the amount of aid promised and at what interest: and

(c) what are the terms and conditions for the aid?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) During his recent visit, the Japanese Prime Minister has indicated that Government of Japan would try to extend Yen loans in the region of about Yen 100 billion in the current

financial year. At present, Japanese Yen loans have a repayment period of 30 years including a grace period of 10 years and carry interest at the rate of 2.5 per cent p.a.

Senior officers in the Department of Income Tax

1046. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Commissioners of Income-tax (CIT) and the officers above the rank of Commissioners in the department in the country and what is the number out of them of those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes;

(b) what is the total number of Commissioners of Income-tax who have prematurely retired during the last five years and how many of them belonged to the Scheduled Castes; and

(c) what is the number of officers in the department who are under suspension facing charges of supersession, removal and dismissal and inquiries and investigations by C.B.I. and what is the number out of them who belong to the Scheduled Castes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) There are 303 officers of the rank of Commissioner of Income-tax and above in the Income-tax department out of whom 18 belong to Scheduled Castes and 8 belong to Scheduled Tribes.

(b) During the last five years 10 Commissioners of Income-tax have been prematurely retired under Fundamental Rule 56(j) out of whom 3 belong to the Scheduled Castes.

(c) 21 Gazetted Officers of the Income Tax department are under suspension out of whom 4 belong to Scheduled Castes.

149 Gazetted officers of the Income-tax department are facing major penalty proceedings out of whom 21 belong to Scheduled Castes.

31 Gazetted officers of the Income Tax department are facing investigations in which FIR has been registered by the C.B.I. Out of these 4 belong to Scheduled Castes.

Busting of Gold Smuggling Racket by DRI

1047. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has busted a major racket of gold smuggling and Hawala transactions to the tune of Rs. 50 crore in New Delhi during the month of April, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details of the persons arrested in this connection;

(c) what are the details of the articles, cash, jewellery and other incriminating documents etc. seized during the raids; and

(d) what further actions are being contemplated by the Government against the persons involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two brothers named Sanjay and Lalit Goel residents of 214, Vivekananda Puri, New Delhi have been arrested.

(c) As a result of various searches conducted by the officers of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, 200 foreign marked gold biscuits of 10 tolas each valued at Rs. 79.78 lakhs and a sum of Rs. 5.92 lakhs in Indian currency, and a large quantity of imported medical and surgical equipment etc. have been recovered and seized. Certain documents have also been seized which indicate that during the period of about twelve months preceding the search, the